The points put up to the Defence Minister at the talk on the evening of the 17th August 1968 in his office in the Ministry of Defence.

1 Pension Committee

I have been asking for some 11 years a special Pension Committee to be set up to go into the pension of EVERY ex-service officer, JCO, NCO and OR because there is a very general feeling of discontentment in regard to pension being very low and not much having been done to raise the pensions as has been done in a big way in England, Canada, Australia and so on. This Committee, we feel, should be a MUST, realizing that the Government has many important matters to see to with it is not to limited financial resources but this matter should, we feel, be given top-most priority. The deliberations to this Committee may take time, and the recommendations made for the increased pension may not be very high and the fact that the Pension Committee has been set up into this subject will inevitably have very good effect on the morale of the Ex-Service personnel and so on the serving people too.

2 A Retired Senior Officer Committee

I have been suggesting since 1957 that a Committee consisting of 3 senior retired officers of the Army, Navy and Airforce might be set up with task of going round the whole country to feel the pulse of Ex-Service personnel to find out what exactly their problems are. Such a Committee will be able to understand the problems of Ex-Service people and to appreciate the need to redress the grievance and so would .

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be in a much better position to make recommendations to the Defence Ministry on how to tackle this problem. This Committee may be given a directive by you as the Defence Minister on what you want them to do.

The State Governments should be requested by the Ministry to give every facility to this Committee to meet as many Ex-Service personnel, widows, orphans and other dependents of Ex-Service personnel. The work of the Committee may take some time to be completed as it would have to cover the whole country but nevertheless the appointment of such a Committee will be a great morale booster to Ex and serving personnel of our Services.

3 Nomination of a suitable retired officer either the Army, or Navy or the Airforce to Rajya Sabha.

This is a plea we have been making to higher authorities for some years. This nomination would certainly cheer the serving and ex service personnel to know that there is some one in our Parliament to understand and can put up their problems in the correct perceepective and more forcefully than others can.

4 A Special Employment Exchange Cell for the Services personnel

Today our ex-service personnel who seek employment have to stand in the 'queu' to take the chance to be considered/recommended for employment. Their interests are not given much weight to by the Employment Exchange Officers who apparently seem to give more weight to political sufferers, and Ex-INA personnel. This will have an unhappy effect on our Ex-Servicemen. Can higher authority please give a separate

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Employment Exchange Cell, for Service personnel at all places.

5 Education of the children/orphans of Ex-Servife personnel.

We hope ~~this~~ could be given special concession or free education in the case of children whose parent, can ill afford to pay for the education in some technical training.

6 Rehabilitation of Ex -Service Personnel

We often read in the Press ~~xxxxxxx~~ of the Government announcing in the Parliament that 20% vacancies are reserved for Ex-Servicemen in the Public Sector but this is not known by the authority concerned and so when the Ex-Service personnel apply for jobs they are told 'no vacancy'.

7 Age limit for appointment in Civil Service.

Often Ex-Service personnel with 10, 15, 20 years service with all the qualifications, when applying for jobs in Civil Departments are told that they are over aged forgetting the fact that 10, 20 years of the best part of /were spent their life/in the defence of the country. Can some definite be laid down that there is no age bar for employment of Ex-Servicemen who have requisite qualifications for appointments